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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PINT, BM

SUBJECT: NE WIN EXPLAINS TIN OO RESIGNATION

REF: RANGOON 0829

1. AT THE MARCH 12 SESSION OF THE HLUTTAW (PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY) PRESIDENT NE WIN DISCUSSED THE RESIGNATION OF DEFENSE MINISTER GENERAL TIN OO (REFTEL) AND HIS REMARKS WERE CARRIED IN LOCAL PAPERS. OPENING BY SAYING THAT THE SUBJECT "IS NOT PLEASANT... BUT UNAVOIDABLE", NE WIN CITED THE NEED FOR DISCIPLINE WITHIN THE GUB LEADERSHIP. IN THE CASE OF GENERAL TIN OO, "ACTION HAD TO BE TAKEN IN CONNECTION WITH MATTERS OF AN ECONOMIC NATURE", AND THE ISSUE IS NOW BEFORE THE PARTY DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE." NE WIN THEN ASSERTED THAT "THE BIGGEST OF WEAKNESSES THAT THERE CAN BE IN MEN OF POWER IS CONNECTED WITH ECONOMIC LIFE - WEAKNESS AS REGARDS BRIBES." NE WIN CONCLUDED BY EXPLAINING THAT IN THE TIN OO CASE "WE HAD REFRAINED FROM SAYING ANYTHING OUT OF OUR CONSIDERATION FOR HIM, WITH APPREHENSION THAT IT WOULD TAINT HIS INTEGRITY... BUT SINCE IT MIGHT CAUSE MISUNDERSTANDING WITHIN THE TATMADAW (BURMA ARMY)" THE ISSUE HAD TO BE DISCUSSED PUBLICLY.

2. COMMENT: NE WIN'S STATEMENT WAS APPARENTLY NOT DELIVERED ENTIRELY FROM A PREPARED TEXT; IT IS SOMEWHAT RAMBLING AND CLUMSY BUT ITS TONE REFLECTS A SENSE OF PERSONAL SORROW THAT IS PROBABLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REAL. NE WIN EVIDENTLY FELT COMPELLED TO SPEAK OF THE SUBJECT

PUBLICLY TO CLARIFY TO THE ARMY THE REASONS FOR TIN OO'S DISMISSAL  
AND HE WAS CAREFUL TO PROTECT THE EX-DEFENSE MINISTER'S PERSONAL  
INTEGRITY IN THE PROCESS.  
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